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horizontally offset from each other. Although the receiving areas 46, 48 have been described as being substantially mirror images of each other, in an alternate embodiment the receiving areas could be aligned in a substantially identical orientation.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claim(s) as rewritten below:

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1. (Amended) An electrical connector comprising:  
electrical contacts comprising signal contacts and power contacts; and  
a housing having the electrical contacts connected thereto, the housing comprising at least two vertically arranged electrical plug receiving areas, wherein the signal contacts extend into the receiving areas in a universal serial bus (USB) electrical conductor location configuration, and wherein the power contacts extend into the receiving areas on respective sides of the receiving areas that are opposite the signal contacts in each receiving area.

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11. (Twice Amended) A universal serial bus (USB) electrical connector comprising:

a housing forming a plurality of USB plug receiving areas;

electrical signal contacts connected to the housing, and extending into the receiving areas, arranged for operably

electrically connecting to the USB plugs inserted into the USB plug receiving areas; and

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electrical power contacts connected to the housing and extending into the receiving areas on respective sides of the receiving areas opposite the signal contacts in each of the receiving areas, wherein the housing has a section between two of the receiving areas, and wherein the power contacts extend from the section in opposite directions into the two receiving areas.

18. (Twice Amended) An electrical connector comprising:

a housing having two plug receiving areas vertically stacked relative to each other; and

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electrical contacts connected to the housing and extending into the two plug receiving areas, the contacts comprising signal contacts and power contacts,

wherein the power contacts extend into the two receiving areas and the signal contacts extend into the two receiving areas, and wherein the signal and power contacts in a first one of the receiving areas are arranged in an array with the signal contacts on a side of the first receiving area being located opposite the power contacts on an opposite side in the first receiving area, the array being substantially a mirror image of the signal and power contacts in a second one of the receiving areas.

26. (Amended). A universal serial bus (USB) electrical connector receptacle for receiving a plurality of USB electrical connector plugs, the receptacle comprising:

a housing having at least one plug receiving area; and

electrical contacts connected to the housing, the contacts comprising signal contacts and power contacts,

wherein the at least one plug receiving area is sized and shaped to receive the plurality of USB plugs with signal contact supporting decks of two of the plugs being located vertically aligned relative to each other and power contact supporting sections of the two plugs being at least partially laterally adjacent each other.

34. (Amended) A universal serial bus (USB) electrical connector plug comprising:

a signal contact supporting deck;

electrical signal conductors directly stationarily attached to a first exterior side of the supporting deck; and

electrical power conductors directly stationarily attached to an opposite second exterior side of the supporting deck, wherein the supporting deck is sized and shaped to be inserted into a supporting deck receiving aperture of a USB electrical connector receptacle, and wherein the electrical signal conductors are aligned in a USB contact array configuration.